IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI NORTHERN DIVISION

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE, ET AL.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

TATE REEVES, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Mississippi, ET AL.,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:23-cv-272-HTW-LGI

PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE SURREPLY IN OPPOSITION TO STATE DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS FOR LACK OF SUBJECT-MATTER JURISDICTION

Plaintiffs respectfully move for leave to file the attached Surreply in Opposition to State Defendants' Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Subject-Matter Jurisdiction.

Defendants' Rebuttal in Further Support of State Defendants' Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Subject-Matter Jurisdiction (Dkt. 157) invokes for the first time Rule 62.1's procedures for an indicative ruling on a motion for relief pending appeal. *See id.* at 2, 5-7. Defendants' arguments under that Rule were available to them when they filed their Motion to Dismiss, yet their Motion did not rely on that Rule. *See* Dkt. 151 (citing Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(1) and 12(h)(3)). Nor did their 17-page Memorandum of Authorities mention the Rule. *See* Dkt. 152.

Plaintiffs seek a fair opportunity to respond to Defendants' new arguments under this Rule. Accordingly, Plaintiffs respectfully request leave to file the attached Surreply, which addresses only Defendants' invocation of Rule 62.1.

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of February, 2024.

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